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Goa State Election Commission

Notification

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/13

The Goa State Election Commission has decided to conduct General Elections to the Municipal Councils of Ponda and Sanquelim in Goa in consequence of the expiry of the term of these Municipal Councils.

In pursuance of Article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India and sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969, I, W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Goa State Election Commissioner do hereby declare that the General Elections for the above Municipal Councils will be held on 5th May, 2023.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/14

"FORM I"

(See Rule 4)

Office of the Goa State Election
Commission

In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969, the

Commissioner hereby appoint in relation to the election to the **Ponda Municipal Council** by the ward specified in column (1) of the Schedule hereto:

- Name of Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer specified in column (2) (against the ward specified in column (1) hereinafter referred to as "against the ward");
- The date and time specified in column (3) (against the ward), thereof, to be the last date and time for making nominations;
- The date and time specified in column (4) (against the ward), to be the date and time for the scrutiny of nominations;
- The date specified in column (5) (against the ward), to be the date for the publication of the list of validly nominated candidates;
- The date and time specified in column (6) (against the ward), to be the last date for withdrawal of candidatures;
- The date specified in column (7) (against the ward), to be the date for the publication of the list of contesting candidates;
- The date or dates and time specified in column (8) (against the ward), to be the date or dates on which and the time during which the poll shall be taken;
- The date and time specified in column (9) (against the ward), to be the date and time for counting of votes;

- i) The place specified in column (10) (against the ward), to be the place for making scrutiny and withdrawal of nominations;
- j) The place specified in column (11) (against the ward), to be the place for counting of votes.

Name and number of wards	Name of Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer	Last date and time for making nominations	Date and time for scrutiny of nominations	Date of publication of list of validly nominated candidates	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	Date of publication of list of contesting candidates	Date or dates on which and time during which poll shall be taken	Date and time for counting of votes	Place for making scrutiny and withdrawal of nomination	Place for counting of votes
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Dy. Collector/ Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO)/Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Ponda and Returning Officer, Ponda Municipal Council.	Tuesday, 18th April, 2023 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.	Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 from 10.00 hrs. onwards.	Wednesday, 19th April, 2023.	Thursday, 20th April, 2023 from 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.	Thursday, 20th April, 2023.	Friday, 5th May, 2023 from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.	Sunday, 7th May, 2023 from 8.00 hrs. till the counting is over.	Office of the Deputy Collector/Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO)/Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Ponda and Returning Officer, Ponda Municipal Council.	Meeting Hall, First Floor, Government Complex at Tisk, Ponda, Ponda-Goa.
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W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner (Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/15

"FORM I"

(See Rule 4)

Office of the Goa State Election Commission

In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969, the Commissioner hereby appoint in relation to the election to the Sanquelim Municipal Council by the ward specified in column (1) of the Schedule hereto:

- Name of Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer specified in column (2) [against the ward specified in column (1) hereinafter referred to as "against the ward"];
- The date and time specified in column (3) (against the ward), thereof, to be the last date and time for making nominations;
- The date and time specified in column (4) (against the ward), to be the date and time for the scrutiny of nominations;
- The date specified in column (5) (against the ward), to be the date for the publication of the list of validly nominated candidates;

- e) The date and time specified in column (6) (against the ward), to be the last date for withdrawal of candidatures;
- f) The date specified in column (7) (against the ward), to be the date for the publication of the list of contesting candidates;
- g) The date or dates and time specified in column (8) (against the ward), to be the date or dates on which and the time during which the poll shall be taken;
- h) The date and time specified in column (9) (against the ward), to be the date and time for counting of votes;
- i) The place specified in column (10) (against the ward), to be the place for making scrutiny and withdrawal of nominations;
- j) The place specified in column (11) (against the ward), to be the place for counting of votes.

Name and number of wards	Name of Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer	Last date and time for making nominations	Date and time for scrutiny of nominations	Date of publication of list of validly nominated candidates	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	Date of publication of list of contesting candidates	Date or dates on which and time during which poll shall be taken	Date and time for counting of votes	Place for making scrutiny and withdrawal of nominations	Place for counting of votes
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Dy. Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer, Bicholim and Returning Officer, Sanquelim Municipal Council.	Tuesday, 18th April, 2023 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs.	Wednesday, 19th April, 2023 from 10.00 hrs. onwards.	Wednesday, 19th April, 2023.	Thursday, 20th April, 2023 from 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.	Thursday, 20th April, 2023.	Friday, 5th May, 2023 from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.	Sunday, 7th May, 2023 from 8.00 hrs. till the counting is over.	Office of the Dy. Collector & Sub-Divisional Officer, Bicholim and Returning Officer, Sanquelim Municipal Council.	Multipurpose Hall, Sankhalim, Goa.
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W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner (Goa State Election Commission).
Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Notification

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/16

Whereas, the General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council in the State of Goa are scheduled to be held on 5th May, 2023.

And whereas, the State Election Commission has already issued a public notice in Form No. I of the intended election under Rule 4 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

Now, therefore, this State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India read with Rule 4 of The Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 do hereby notify that the nomination papers along with prescribed affidavit of candidates in respect of General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council going to poll on 5th May, 2023, shall be accepted by the respective Returning Officer at the notified place from 10th April, 2023 to 18th April, 2023 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs. except on 14th April, 2023 being Public Holiday and 16th April, 2023 being Sunday.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner (Goa State Election Commission).
Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/17

Whereas, the General Elections to the Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council in the State of Goa are declared vide notification No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/13 dated 08-04-2023.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of elections to the Municipal Councils.

Now therefore, the State Election Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it do hereby notifies that the Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable from 08-04-2023 (Saturday) till the Election process is completed. The Code of Conduct shall be applicable to all the areas under the jurisdiction of above referred Municipal Councils.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Notification

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/18

Whereas, the General Election to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council will be held on 5th May, 2023 and the polling for the above Municipalities will be from 8.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs.

And whereas, Rule 35(1) of the The Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 provides for an indelible ink mark to be put on the left forefinger of every voter before issue of ballot paper at the Polling Station. This is aimed at polling at preventing impersonation at the voting.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India and also under Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 read with Rule 35(1) of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 it is hereby directed that the indelible ink mark shall be put on left forefinger of every voter at the polling station before issue of ballot paper. If the voter has no left forefinger then the ink should be applied as per the Rule 35(3) of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/19

Sub.: Filing of affidavit for Municipal Elections.

In exercise of the powers conferred with this Commission under Article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, I, *W. V. Ramanamurthy*, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa hereby direct as under:-

Whereas, as per Rule 12 of the of The Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 it is incumbent upon the candidates to file an affidavit in the prescribed Form XXIII alongwith the nomination.

And whereas, if any candidate fails to file the said affidavit alongwith the nomination paper, the Returning Officer should bring this defect to the notice of the candidate/proposal presenting the nomination form.

It is further directed that no column of the affidavit should be left blank or filled by just tick/dash marking. If the information asked for in a column is Nil or not applicable to the particular candidate, then he should write "Nil" or "Not applicable" in that column. A standard format for this purpose is given at enclosed.

A copy of blank Form XXIII should be issued to the candidate or proposer along with the nomination paper and candidate should be asked to file duly sworn affidavit along with the nomination papers.

In case there is a request from any person to seek copies of the affidavit filed by a candidate/ candidates, they may be given a copy on payment of copying charges at the rate of Rs. 2/- per page.

If any candidate fails to file prescribed affidavit till the last date and time of nominations, the Returning Officer shall reject his candidature during scrutiny for non-compliance Rule 12, sub-rule (2A) of The Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

The Returning Officer shall not go into the aspect of verification/truthfulness of the contents of the affidavit sworn by the candidate during the scrutiny of the nominations or during the election process.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

FORM XXIII

[See sub-rule (2A) of Rule 12]

Please affix
your recent
passport size
photograph
here**Affidavit to be filed by the candidate along with nomination paper before the Returning Officer for election to ward No. of Municipal Council.**

I son/daughter/wife of aged years, resident of
(mentioned full postal address), a candidate at the above election, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as under:-

(1) My name is enrolled at serial number of voters list of Ward No. of
Municipal Council.

(2) My contact telephone number(s) is/are and my e-mail id (if any) is

(3) Details of Permanent Account Number (PAN) and status of filing of Income Tax return:

Sr. No.	Name	PAN	The financial year for which the last Income-Tax return has been filed	Total income shown in Income-Tax return (in Rupees)
1.	Self			
2.	Spouse			
3.	Dependent-1			
4.	Dependent-2			
5.	Dependent-3			

(4) I am/am not accused of any offence(s) punishable with imprisonment for two years or more in a pending case(s) in which a charge(s) has/have been framed by the Court (s) of competent jurisdiction.

If the deponent is accused of any such offence(s), he shall furnish the following information:-

(i) The following case(s) is/are pending against me in which charges have been framed by the court for an offence punishable with imprisonment for two years or more:-

(a) Case/First Information Report No./Nos. together
with complete details of concerned Police
Station/District/State

(b) Section(s) of the concerned Act(s) and short
description of the Offence(s) for which
charged

(c) Name of the Court, Case No. and date of
order taking cognizance:

(d) Court(s) which framed the charge(s)

(e) Date(s) on which the charge(s) was/were
framed

(f) Whether all or any of the proceeding(s) have
been stayed by any Court(s) of competent
jurisdiction

(ii) The following case(s) is/are pending against me in which cognizance has been taken by the Court.

(The details of all pending cases in which cognizance have been taken by the Court, irrespective of the quantum of punishment or framing of charges should be mentioned).

- (a) Name of the Court, Case No. and date of order taking cognizance:
- (b) The details of cases where the court has taken cognizance, Section(s) of the Act(s) and description
- (c) Details of Appeals(s)/Application(s) for revision (if any) filed against the above order(s)
- (5) I have been/have not been convicted of an offence(s) and sentenced to imprisonment for one year or more.

If the deponent is convicted and punished as aforesaid, he shall furnish the following information:

In the following cases, I have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment by a Court of law:

- (a) The details of cases, Section(s) of the concerned Act(s) and description of the offence(s) for which convicted
- (b) Name of the Court(s), Case No. and date(s) of order(s):
- (c) Punishment imposed
- (d) Whether any appeal was/has been filed against the conviction order. If so, details and the present status of the appeal.
- (6) That I give herein below the details of the assets (movable and immovable, etc.) of myself, my spouse and all dependents and all the liabilities:-

Sr. No.	Description	Self	Spouse	Dependent-1	Dependent-2	Dependent-3
1.	Cash in hand					
2.	Cash in Bank including Fixed Deposits, and the Deposits in Financial Institutions including in Post Offices					
3.	Motor Vehicles (4 Wheelers and 2 Wheelers)					
4.	Jewellery					
5.	House/Building/Flat/ /Land, etc.					
6.	Loans or dues to Bank, Government and other Financial Institutions					

- (7) Details of profession or occupation:

(a) Self

(b) Spouse.....

- (8) My educational qualification is as under:-

.....

(Give details of highest School/University education mentioning the full form of the certificate/diploma/ /degree course, name of the School/College/University and the year in which the course was completed).

VERIFICATION

I, the deponent, above named, do hereby verify and declare that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom. I further declare that:-

(a) There is no case of conviction or case pending against me, other than those mentioned in item (4) and (5).

(b) I, my spouse, or my dependents do not have any asset or liability, other than those mentioned in item (6) above.

Verified at this the day of

DEPONENT

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/20

Sub.: Manner of voting for General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council 2023.

Whereas, the General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Councils in the State of Goa are scheduled to be held on 5th May, 2023.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of elections to the Municipal Councils.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 13 of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968 and Rule 26 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969, I, W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby decide that votes shall be given by Ballot as per the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/21

Sub.: Restriction on number of vehicles and people at the time of nominations for General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council 2023.

While filing of nominations in the office of Returning Officer proper control and order needs to be maintained to avoid overcrowding by the

supporters of the candidates so that problem of overcrowding of the office of Returning Officer at the time of filing nomination does not arise. The following directions therefore are to be followed.

The MCEO/RO/ARO may inform the contestants and interest groups that the maximum number of vehicles that will be allowed to come within the periphery of 100 mtrs. of Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer's office shall be two and maximum number of persons that will be allowed to enter the office of Returning Officer/Assistant Returning Officer at the time of filing the nomination shall be candidate and his proposer proposing the nomination of the candidate and one more person i.e. there can be only three persons (including the candidate) who can remain present inside the Returning Officer's room at the time of filing nomination.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/22

Sub.: Deposit for Nominations.

Whereas, the General Election to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council is scheduled to be held on 5th May, 2023.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of elections to the Municipal Councils.

Now, therefore, the State Election Commission hereby issues the following clarification in respect

of Rule 14 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969.

As per Rule 14 of the Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969, the amount of deposit to be made by a candidate along with his/her nomination is shown the tabulated format below for ready reference of the Returning Officer and Candidates.

For all General Category of Wards (unreserved)	Rs. 500/- (Rs. Five Hundred only) in cash per candidate irrespective of whether candidate is a woman or belongs to Scheduled Tribe/ /Scheduled Caste/Other Backward Classes.
For all Reserved Category of Wards	Rs. 300/- (Rs. Three Hundred only) in cash for Ward reserved for OBC. Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved for OBC (Women). Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved for Scheduled Caste (Men or Women). Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved for Scheduled Tribe (Men or Women). Rs. 75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) in cash for Ward reserved for Women.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/23

Sub.: Maximum limit of expenditure to be incurred by Contesting Candidates in General Election to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council.

Read: 1/199/Standing orders/2020-SEC/1233 dated 30-10-2020.

Whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of elections to the Municipal Councils.

Whereas, it is necessary and expedient to provide in the interest of purity of election to Municipal

Council wards an account of expenditure incurred by the candidate and for matters connected therein.

Now, therefore, this Commission hereby directs as follows:-

1. Monitoring of election expenditures incurred by the candidates shall be as per above referred Order.
2. The maximum limit of total election expenses by a candidate in a Ward of Municipal Councils Elections has been fixed at Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. Two lakh only).

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner
(Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/24

Sub.: Appointment of Expenditure Observers for General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council 2023.

Whereas, the General Election to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council in the State of Goa are scheduled to be held on 5th May, 2023.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of elections to the Municipal Councils.

Now, therefore, I, W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa do hereby appoint the following Officers of Government of Goa as Observers (Expenditure) for the Municipal Councils shown against their names hereinbelow for the purpose of General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council 2023.

The Observers (Expenditure) appointed herein shall monitor the Election Expenditure incurred by each of the candidates of respective Municipality and accordingly submit periodical reports to this Commission.

Sr. No.	Name and designation of the Officer appointed as Expenditure Observers	Name of the Municipal Council
1	2	3
1.	Shri Zipro K. Gawas, AAO, Directorate of Women & Child Development, Panaji-Goa 9421151584	Sanquelim.

1	2	3
2.	Shri Sitaram Gaude, AAO, Sub-District Hospital, Ponda-Goa 9049912071	Ponda.
3.	Shri Prakash Hondu Khedekar, AAO, Department of Tribal Welfare, Panaji-Goa 9168220784	Reserve.

The services of above appointed Officers are hereby requisitioned for the Municipal Elections with immediate effect and till the entire process of Municipal Elections is over. The concerned Head of the Department/Head of Office/Controlling Officers shall immediately relieve the above Officers.

The concerned RO shall provide them logistic support and other assistance for functioning.

The duties and responsibilities attached to the Observer shall be as mentioned in the Order No. 1/199/Standing Orders/2020-SEC/1234 dated 30-10-2020 (copy enclosed).

The Controlling Officers shall relieve them immediately.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner (Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

Order

No. 4/31/GEN-ELN/MC/2023-24/SEC/25

Sub.: Appointment of General Observers for General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council.

Whereas, the General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council in the State of Goa are scheduled to be held on 5th May, 2023.

And whereas, under Article 243ZA of the Constitution of India, read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1968, the State Election Commission is vested with the powers of superintendence, direction and control for the conduct of elections to the Municipal Councils.

Now therefore, I, *W. V. Ramanamurthy*, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner, Goa, do hereby appoint the following Officers of Government of Goa as Observers (General) for the Municipal Councils shown against their names hereinbelow for the purpose of General Elections to Ponda and Sanquelim Municipal Council to be held on 5th May, 2023.

The Observers (General) appointed herein shall monitor the Election process of respective Municipality and accordingly submit periodical reports to this Commission.

Sr. No.	Name & designation of the Officer appointed as Observers	Name of the Municipality
1.	Shri Prasad Volvoikar, Managing Director, Goa State SC OBC Finance and Development Corporation Ltd., 9822762636	Sanquelim.
2.	Shri Vishal C. Kundaikar, Additional Collector III, South Goa District, Matanhy Saldanha Administrative Complex, Margao, Goa 9850020897	Ponda.
3.	Shri Devidas Gaonkar, Managing Director, Goa State Commission for Backward Classes, Altinho, Panaji, Goa 7666845120	Reserve.

The Observers shall look into public grievance regarding violations of Code of Conduct, malpractices by the candidates and proper functioning of RO/ARO.

The duties and responsibilities attached to the Observer shall be as mentioned in the Order No. 1/199/Standing Orders/2020-SEC/1232 dated 30-10-2020 (copy enclosed).

The respective Controlling Officers shall relieve them immediately.

W. V. Ramanamurthy, IAS (Retd.), Commissioner (Goa State Election Commission).

Altinho, Panaji, 8th April, 2023.

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